

Red Osier Dogwood

Cornus sericea



Type	Deciduous Shrub
Height	6 - 12 Feet
Spread	6 - 12 Feet
Form	Rounded
Utilities	Compatible
Growth Rate	Fast
Life Expectancy	Short
USDA Zone	2 - 8
Root Type	Fibrous Shallow

Plant Community

Sun	Full Sun
Orientation	All Orientations
Soil Texture	Sand through Clay

Soil Water Holding Capacity	Mesic or Hydric
Topography	Upland, Lowland - stable water, Lowland - flood prone or Wetland

Plant Community	Wooded Swamp, Bog, Dune, Forest Edge, Inland Fresh Meadow or Grassland
Succession	Pioneer

Origin	MSA Zone 1, MSA Zone 2, MSA Zone 3, MSA Zone 4, MSA Zone 5, MSA Zone 6, Minnesota or North America
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Flowers/Foliage/Fruit

Flower Color White

Flower Season Spring

Fruit Drupe

Fruit Color White

Fruit Season Summer

Summer Texture Medium

Winter Texture Medium

Spring Foliage Green

Summer Foliage Green

Fall Foliage Red

Winter Foliage Not Applicable



Soils

Salt Spray Sensitive

Soil Salt

Compaction Tolerant

Water Table 12 Inches

Drainage Moderate or Poor

Flood Tolerance Moderate

Drought Tolerance

Moisture Regime Moist or Wet

pH 3.2 through 8.5

Planting Ease

Spring Bareroot Easy

Fall Bareroot Easy

Spring Container Easy

Fall Container Easy

Spring Seed

Fall Seed

Windbreak Group WSG1, WSG2, WSG2K, WSG20, WSG2W,
WSG3, WSG4 or WSG4C

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Maintenance

Formal	Moderate
Informal	Low
2, 4-D Tolerance	Sensitive
DicambaTolerance	Sensitive
PicloramTolerance	Sensitive
Clopyralid Tolerance	
Artificial Light	Sensitive
Sulfur Dioxide	Moderate
Ozone Tolerance	Sensitive
Hydrogen Flouride	Tolerant
Nitrogen Oxide	



Pests/Problems

Allergens both sexes 5

Invasivness Invasive

Toxicity

Cold Injury Infrequent

Storm Damage Infrequent

Biological Control

Mechanical Control

Chemical Control

Miscellaneous

Wildlife Rating High

Insect Concerns Minor

Disease Concerns Minor

Wildlife Concerns Deer and mice

Comments

Formerly *C. stolonifera*. Can be an effective bank cover for it holds soil well. Freely suckers so allow plenty of room. Scale insects can be a problem.